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In Re application of) Group Art Unit: 3651
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Application No. 10/539,810) Leslie August Nicholson III
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For: SHEET COMBINING DEVICE AND METHOD)
FOR COMBINING SHEETS)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(d) the materials set forth on the enclosed forms PTO/SB/08a and 08b are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

An opposition was filed in the counterpart European patent application. A letter was sent by the European Patent Office to the applicants' principal representatives in Germany on October 1, 2007. A copy of that letter is enclosed.

The subject U.S. patent application is under a Final Office Action, dated October 2, 2007. The fee of \$180.00, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(d)(2) and 37 CFR 1.17(p) is to be charged to the deposit account No. 10-1213 of the undersigned.

Copies of the U.S. patent documents are not enclosed. Copies of the publications listed on the PTO/SB/08b form are enclosed.

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The U.S. patent No. 5,474,221 is in the English language. No discussion thereof is required.

The Tolerans brochure appears to disclose a pair of longitudinal fold formers, as seen at page 21 thereof. As seen at the bottom of page 21, additional webs can be fed from an upper bank of formers to bypass a lower bank of formers.

The Polygraph brochure appears to show a pair of longitudinal fold formers which can feed longitudinally formed and folded webs to transverse folding jaw cylinders.

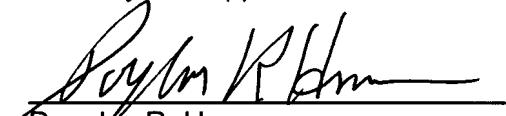
The section of the Walenski document appears to show various paths of individual web travel and their combination for formation into booklets of different constituent parts.

Entry of these materials into the file of the subject U.S. patent application and their consideration by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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